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Tryouts For Varsity Show Held On Wed.

With the script for this season's Varsity Show for all practical purposes complete, President Bob Stainton has called a special meeting for Wed., Dec. 18, in the main auditorium of Phi Beta Kappa Hall at 8 P. M. The chief purpose of the meeting will be to give everyone a chance to display whatever type of dramatic or musical talent he (or she) might have. Also there are a number of important announcements which have to be made at this time.

Believing that the students will be in high-holiday spirits by Wednesday, the Executive Council of the Club is expecting a gala turnout and a "big" time for everyone present, if the results of last year's try-outs are any criteria. Singing, dancing, and dramatic efforts of any type are permissible and are left strictly up to the discretion of individual contributors. Piano accompaniment will be supplied if needed, and every effort will be made to encourage contributions.

It was deemed wise not to disclose the plot of the show except to those interested in working on the script or music score, inasmuch as the production is not due for performance until Feb. 27-28. The only thing that was divulged was the title: "Peace Brothers, It's Wonderful!"

The Executive Council of the Club is made up as follows: President, Bob Stainton; Vice President, Peg Gildner; Secretary, Jane Arden; Treasurer, Mike Stoussland; Business Manager, Ellis Parry; Adv. Mgr., Ed Legum; Box Office Mgr., Art Cosgrove; and Technical Advisors, Richard Kaufman and David Forer. Mr. Meiklejohn is the Faculty Advisor.

Theatre Scores Season's Hit In Night Must Fall

By DOT OGDEN

Hair rose and spines tingled when Night Must Fall was presented Thursday and Friday in Phi Beta Kappa Hall. A lot of new talent was seen and admirable talent it was.

Bob Marshall, who played Danny, gave one of the best performances this College has ever been privileged to witness. Really a terrific part to portray, it is one of those roles that any actor would give his eye teeth to have and Bob played it to the hilt. It was a magnificent characterization and Bob held the audience in the palm of his hand and really set them on edge trying to figure who his next victim was going to be.

We have seen Arlene Murray in only one part before, that of Mrs. Webb in Our Town, where her ability and talent couldn't help but be noticed. Mrs. Branson was perhaps the most difficult woman's role to play and Arlene did an excellent piece of work. Her characterization showed careful thought and complete understanding. The use of the wheelchair should not be overlooked—that must have taken long practice and

Criminologists Visit Eastern State Hospital

Dr. Foltin's criminology class went on a tour of the Eastern State Hospital last week to see some of the cases that they have been studying. Two members of the staff of the hospital conducted the class on the trip, pointing out the different types and conducting interviews with the patients, so that their reactions could be observed.

One of the most interesting cases was that of a young woman who insisted that she was married to

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Dining Hall Banquet Held Thursday Nite

As a part of the annual Christmas celebration a banquet will be given in the dining hall Thursday night. There will be decorations of red candles, holly, and pine cones, and a table in front of the fireplace for President Bryan and others participating in the program.

From the balcony of the dining hall there will be repetition of the song of the Christmas Days, the Board Song, and the dances of the rebec player, Joyce Bonyng. These will have been previously given during the Yule Log ceremony.

At the table of President Bryan, the Lord of the Manor, will be Dean Landrum, Chairman of the Yule Log ceremony; Charles Duke, Lord Chamberlain; Tucker Jones, Lord of Misrule; Diana Ryan, the Youngest Child in the House; and the four Yule Log bearers.

The menu for the dinner is tomato juice cocktail, roast turkey with oyster dressing and gravy, fresh green peas, candied yams with orange sauce, celery and carrot curls, stuffed olives, plum pudding with rum sauce, hot butter biscuits, and coffee.

Manuscripts On College History Found In Wash.

Three hundred letters and official papers of William Dawson, second president of the College of William and Mary, 1743-1752, and of his brother, Thomas Dawson, fourth president of the college, 1775-1781, have been discovered in the Library of Congress by Mr. Gantner who is investigating the history of the College.

Because few official papers of that period relating to the College have been preserved, these are of extreme value and interest. Very little is known about either of these men or about their careers as presidents of the College. Mr. Gantner has had the Library of Congress make photostats of the manuscripts, and these reproductions have been added to the library's collection of historical manuscripts concerning the College. All of them will be used in the preparation of the proposed history of the College.

The collection included account sheets as well as letters to and from the Dawsons. Some of the papers were written in Latin. Among the correspondents of the Dawsons were the Bishop of London, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Governor Dinwiddie, John Blair, Philip Ludwell, and other prominent men of the time who were interested in the college and ecclesiastical matters.

They were also discussed at the meeting last Wednesday. These debates

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Defer Student Gov't. Elections To After Xmas

The Student election originally scheduled for this Wednesday will be postponed until after Christmas, it was announced Monday by the Committee on Elections of the the Student Assembly.

Only one petition was presented for the Junior Assembly office, none for the Senior historian office and eight for the six freshman assembly offices. Two of the freshman petitions were turned in after the time limit.

For this reason there will be no elections Wednesday. The Nominations Committee will nominate for the offices after Christmas. No more petitions will be called for.

City Almmni Groups Will Give Dances

The Alumni Chapters of Boston, New York and Philadelphia are all giving Christmas Dances during the holidays for the reunion of alumni and students.

This second annual Christmas party in Boston takes shape in a dinner-dance (dinner not compulsory) to be held at the University Club, Temple Place, Boston. Formal dress will be optional and the price will be between two and three dollars. Additional information may be secured by calling Ralph W. Stambaugh in the evening at Stadium 7167.

The New York chapter is presenting a supper dance in the Ha-

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Tryout Date Set For Debate Trip Of Co-ed's Team

Tryouts for those members of the Women's Debate Council who have been active for at least a year and are desirous of qualifying for the Annual Debate Trip will be held January 8th.

This year's question will be: Resolved that the Western Hemisphere should form an alliance or union against foreign aggression." Each candidate will speak on this topic for five minutes. Four girls will be selected, two to go on a Northern trip and two on a Southern trip the last week of February.

Subjects for lighter debates with the same school and the major debate topic has already been used. Some of the subjects suggested were whether or not the present grading system is good

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Williamsburg Xmas In The 18th Century

The Governor's Palace illuminated with candles will serve as a backdrop when Williamsburg begins its community celebration of Christmas with a "singing candles" service at 5 P. M. on December 23rd on the Palace Green.

Six trumpeters will sound a fanfare to signify the start of the service, when over 400 musicians, negro and white, will converge on the Green, all carrying candles and singing as they march. The "great lantern" in the Palace cupola will be lit, candles will shine forth from every window, and rows of pine-wood flares will be placed against the walls of the building, while all around the Green itself will be hung old-fashioned smudge-pots on poles.

Each person attending the ceremony will be asked to bring a candle, which will be illuminated from the flares and carried home

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Cogar, Students Discuss 18th Century Xmas

Mr. James L. Cogar of the Williamsburg Restoration and lecturer in history here at William and Mary, was the chief figure in a Christmas broadcast presented by the members of the class in radio, Friday afternoon, December 13, at 4:30.

The program took the form of an informal discussion about the celebration of Christmas in the eighteenth century between Mr. Cogar and the following students: Tony Manzi, student manager of the broadcast, Marx Figley, and Jane McNeil.

Mr. Cogar first made the students grateful for living today when he told them that in eighteenth century Christmas's Santa Claus and Christmas trees did not exist here in America. Both customs were brought from Germany in the nineteenth century. His reason for no gift giving lay in the fact that families were so large that the father could not afford to give each child even a small gift. Mr. Cogar's explanation for the Christmas tree's presence in America was especially interesting to the college students: "Christmas trees, although age old as a means of celebrating Christmas, did not appear as a Virginia custom until the beginning of the nineteenth century. The story is told that the first Virginia Christmas tree was introduced by a German professor at the College of William and Mary. His name was Minnigerode, who at that time was living with the Tucker family of Williamsburg."

Tony Manzi's question about

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McBride, Tucker To Present Concert Here January 7; Music Groups Draw Crowd

Performers Show Marked Improvement

"Standing room only" was the cry Sunday evening when the musical organizations of the college presented their annual December concert in Phi Beta Kappa Hall. Without exception the various groups showed such marked improvement over performances in past years that the enthusiastic reception of the audience was well-deserved. The whole affair was a shining example of both quality and quantity.

Those who last saw the orchestra in its embryonic stage were amazed at its accomplishments and its fine instrumental balance. The ever-popular Unfinished Symphony and Nutcracker Suite were superbly done, the Overture to the "Marriage of Figaro" was a fitting climax to the orchestra's portion of the program. Both Mr. Ramon Douse, the director, and the orchestra members themselves are to be congratulated for their enthusiastic spirit and attainments.

The women's glee club, under the direction of Mr. Allan Sly, did four numbers, two of which were particularly outstanding: The Gospel Train, a Negro number, and The Angels and the Shepherds, a selection allowing for intermittent portions by a small selected group of voices. The men's glee club, with the exception of a few rather noticeable deviations from pitch, likewise made a good showing. John Prinzivalli's solo part in Roll, Chariot, Roll was especially effective. The combination of the two glee clubs for a Rumba from "The Dance of Death," brought down the house. The accompanists—Ellen Butt, Marjorie Retzke, Mildred Lyons

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Smorgasboard Held for Sun. Music Group

On Sunday, the 8th, the Chamber Music group held a "Smorgasboard" party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Sly on Richmond Road. Howard Boatwright and Jerry Berlin, violinist and clarinetist, respectively, came up from Newport News to help out with the music. The various musicians played for the general enjoyment of Mozart's Clarinet Quintet, Brahms' G Major Violin Sonata, Brahms' Clarinet Sonata, Beethoven's "Kreutzer" Sonata for piano and violin, Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 8, Albeniz's Triana, Debussy's "Fireworks," and the Arkansas Traveler and Harmonica Player. There were also duets by Victor Herbert and others for soprano and baritone, and Boogie-woogie by John Mann!

The guests were: Joyce Bonyng, Susanne Eppes, Dorothy Bunn, Dorothy Whitfield, Ellen Butt, Barbara Feeldwisch, Nancy Reed, Carl Muecke, Bob Marshall, Ed Fisher, Chester Baker, Phil Thomas, John Prinzivalli, John Mann, Jimmy Mann, Carol Mann, Howard Boatwright, and Jerry Berlin.

WANT TO FLY???

All men students who want to fly with the C.A.A. next semester are requested by Mr. Duke to get in touch with Dr. Merryman of the Physics Department at Rogers Hall as soon as possible before the Christmas holidays.



Bubbles Becker Will Play For Varsity Dance

To give the student body an opportunity for a last fling before the holidays, the Varsity Club has decided to hold its annual dance before Christmas this year. Featuring the music of Bubbles Becker and his orchestra, the dance will be held in Blow Gym from 8 to 12 this Thursday evening.

The orchestra is not unknown to the students, having played here for a German Club Coed in the Spring of 1939. It has also made a name for itself through its broadcasts over a National hook-up. Featured entertainers in his band are Vera Holly, lovely blonde vocalist, and "Drummer Boy Danny" Bridge.

Decorations will be along the usual collegiate lines, varied with a bit of Christmas tinsel. Prices are \$1.00 a couple and 75 cents stag. Dress will be formal for girls and informal for men.

Wood Hits At British Rule Now In India

Dr. Carlton L. Wood, assistant professor of government and economics, spoke on "India and the War," December 13th, in the ninth of the current series of broadcasts by the faculty on "The World in Crises."

Dr. Wood stated that definitely India is not prepared for independence from Britain and cited these reasons: "Religious dissensions, economic inequalities, racial and cultural divisions, the conflict between the Indian native states and the provinces, weak defenses and the very character of the people are the main handicaps. The thought of India trying to govern herself is appalling to many observers."

Yet, India has not been so greatly benefited by the English rule. "Religious rivalries have been intensified. The masses of the people are still living at a bare subsistence level, though the resources of the country are such that India need not be an economically dependent country. The record of educational progress is not impressive. Most of the native states have been allowed to remain despotic and backward, a hindrance to the development of the rest of the country. Like any colonial territory, India has not been allowed to have an armed force which might be used against the mother country. Finally, the character of the people has not

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Both Swing And Classics Will be Featured

Dr. A. P. Wagener, Chairman of the committee on special events, is happy to announce that there will be a special attraction not listed on the year's program. A most stimulating and entertaining evening is promised for eight o'clock on January 7, when Robert McBride, composer of "swing" music, and Gregory Tucker, well-known concert pianist, will be heard in a program in Phi Beta Kappa Hall. It will be a program with a great deal of variety, because there will be modern music, some written by each other, and music from the concert repertoire. Mr. McBride, who plays five instruments, will bring along his Oboe, clarinet, and saxophone for this program.

Both men are composers of some repute. They have appeared in recitals in numerous colleges throughout the country, taking time off from their work as members of the music faculty at Bennington College in Vermont for their concert work. Whenever Mr. Tucker arrives at a college where he is scheduled to give a concert, he first goes to the rehearsal of the dance orchestra and holds a jam session with them! From here, he is going to Florida, where he has several engagements.

Mr. McBride and Mr. Tucker frequently improvise swing music together. We had a good example of Mr. McBride's work right here on this campus last year when the Harvard Orchestra played one of his compositions as an encore. His talent is by no means being wasted. Many of his works have been recorded, and they are listed in the Victor catalog. He has appeared as solo clarinetist at the Boston Pops Orchestra, and he played "Swing Music" as soloist with them. He plans to play the same selection in his program here. Mr. McBride's talent was clearly recognized when he was awarded the Guggenheim scholarship for a year.

This is one of the three concerts that the committee has arranged for this year, and so this event should be of particular interest. The first in the series, given by members of our own music faculty, was enthusiastically received. And we still have the third concert to look forward to. The Siberian Singers will make their second appearance at the college when they sing here on Sunday, March 9.

Faculty Plans Holiday Trips During Vacation

With the coming of the Yuletide, the students anxiously look forward to the two o'clock special and for the most part—home. There they will spend two weeks in fun and merrymaking before returning to school and those long-awaited exams. The student body will not be the only ones rejoicing next Friday afternoon, the faculty will be very bit as glad as they are to get their much needed rest from classes, papers, and tests.

Most of the performers will remain in Williamsburg with their families and enjoy a colonial Christmas, but some are expecting to travel to various parts of the country.

Dean and Mrs. Cox are intending to spend part of their vacation in Washington, D. C.

Miss Barksdale is going to Charlottesville and Waynesboro, Virginia, then to Trenton, New

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French Student, Misphe Jarry, Interviewed

MLLE. MISEPHE JARRY

Mademoiselle Misphe Jarry is this year's French exchange student at William and Mary.

Mademoiselle Jarry was given a scholarship to study in the United States by the International Student Exchange. She came to Washington, D. C. in September of 1939, planning to stay one year, but because of conditions in her native home this summer, she was unable to return. During the summer she traveled in the United States and this fall she received a scholarship to study here.

Mademoiselle Jarry teaches a class at the College and has charge of a table in the dining hall at which nothing but French is spoken during the meals. At the same time she is working for her degree.

Among her activities is a recent trip to Suffolk where Mademoiselle Jarry was guest speaker at Le Cercle Francais at Suffolk High School.

Mademoiselle Jarry's home is in Le Mins, France. She received her

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MISEPHE JARRY is seen here in a Chandler Hall armchair between French classes. Miss Jarry finds Williamsburg and the College of William and Mary a delightfully new adventure in education.

BOOK REVIEWS



The Cradle Will Rock by Marc Blitzstein. 1938. Random House. \$1.50.

During 1938 the majority of plays fell into either of two categories, social or radical, which introduced new techniques and presentations. Perhaps the most outstanding of these was Marc Blitzstein's *Cradle Will Rock*.

The play succeeds by virtue of its satire which is directed at our system of society with its economic injustices, social inequalities, and political faithlessness. The place attacked is a steel town which could be any town where the steel industry dominates the life of the community.

In prose and verse with simple piano accompaniment, Mr. Blitzstein shows how the steel magnate, Mr. Mister, controls the mayor, newspaper owner, racketeer leader, judge, pastor, and everyone except the labor union and the labor union leader. He tries to buy off the latter but fails, and then tries to rid himself of him by other means. Most of these men under the control of Mr. Mister form a Liberty Committee who in an attempt to break up an impending strike find themselves in jail, and even worse, in the same jail with a "Moll," the town pros-

titute. The prominent clamor throughout is for a union to defeat "the dictatorship of the steel magnate."

The power of *The Cradle Will Rock* is not as readily apparent in print as in the theater, where its "disregard of scenery, its sarcastic music, its sharp wit, and its exaggerated characters" make it a sensation. The production requires a certain dash in the performance and a hearty partisanship of the audience.

There are not many plays which have as interesting a history as this one. The original plan for its first presentation two years ago as a part of the Welles-Houseman Federal Theatre unit was cancelled when the administration of the Arts Projects in Washington refused to grant permission for the opera to be given. In order not to disappoint the first night crowd another theatre was hired and the opera was presented in a completely different form. There was no scenery so success depended entirely on the nature of the script and the ability of the actors. The long run of the production speaks for its success, and it stands as "a living theatre production; a thing rarely ever found."

—Margaret Alexander.

Student Group Hold Sunday Night Talks

A new form of activity which gives promise of developing into a successful and rather unique organization has been instituted on campus. This is the formation of a student-faculty discussion group, meeting weekly on Sunday nights in the Dodge Room of Phi Beta Kappa Hall.

The idea came principally as a result of a recent Flat Hat article branding William and Mary as a country club. It was decided that a definite step should be taken toward the development of better and stronger student-faculty relationship, benefitting both parties; and the idea of this informal discussion group was formed. It was supposed that in this manner a closer relationship could be established outside the classroom between students and faculty, which would in turn contribute to a more complete understanding in class as well.

The student most interested in this project has proved to be Dorothy Ogden, who, after conceiving the idea, has done a great deal in its formation and organization. Invitations to attend the meetings have been issued to the students and professors who, it was thought, would be interested in such an undertaking, but it is the hope of all those concerned that everyone will in time feel a part of the group and take it upon himself to enjoy its benefits.

The first meeting was concerned chiefly with the question of frank or restricted lecture presentation and whether such a lecture should be limited in time of crisis by the administration. It was suggested that the next meeting should deal with foreign affairs and their influence.

These meetings have met with the approval of the greater part of the faculty, and should prove valuable, and worthy of the consideration of every student.

Jefferson Girls And Chi Omegas' Win Bridge Meet

The sharks at bridge turned out to be the Chi Omegas in the sorority league and the Jefferson Hall girls in the dormitory league.

The Chi O's compiled 9,880 points to edge out the Tri Deltas who were second with 9,780 points. The Pi Phi's and the Alpha Chi's were third and fourth respectively.

Chandler Hall came in second, and Brown came in third in the dorm play-offs.

In the tournament the hands were already dealt out and during the nine days of play each couple got a chance to play each hand. Thus the game proved to be that of skill at playing rather than luck at cards. The partners who made the most out of the hands they played naturally came out on top with the winning scores.

The result of the bridge tournament now puts the Chi Omegas in the lead in the intramural contest.

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Wood Hits At

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been fundamentally changed by the British rule."

"On the whole, the British have not done badly in India as far as traditional colonial administration goes, but it has been imperialistic domination, selfish in its aims and policies.

The significance of what is happening in India is not just that India is trying to secure political independence from Great Britain. Of much more importance are the social and economic changes which are underway. The British also brought to India the very forces which are today stirring the Indian masses to fight for independence and social reforms: the western ideas of political democracy, of individual freedom, of economic justice, of a scientific attitude, and of Christian ethics. Through the influence of the Indian National Congress, Trade Unions and their leaders, the Indian people are becoming conscious of their miserable conditions and anxious to improve them.

The solution to the problem is not obvious. The line of policy which Great Britain might adopt has been indicated in the American policy toward the Philippine Islands. A definite date could be set when India will be granted independence, say ten years after the completion of the present war. This would recognize India's immediate demand and yet allow for gradual changes. Steps could be taken at once to reform the Indian social, economic, and political systems, in line with a post war re-orientation of the whole British colonial policy.

By following such a policy, Great Britain would be assured of the complete and voluntary aid which India can furnish in man power and resources in war. Furthermore, it would prove to the world one objective of Britain's war aims. Morally the Indian people stand squarely with the British against Fascism, but it is difficult for them to reconcile the necessity of their aiding in the fight for democracy when democracy is being denied them. The fact that they are not yet prepared for democratic self-government is lost sight of in the turmoil of war. India should be cultivated as a valuable ally in the democratic world, occupying a most strategic position and possessing the potential qualifications of a leader in the future realignment of the world's nations."

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Fencing Team Wins Twice On Week-End Trip

William and Mary's three weapon fencing team won its first match of the season Saturday night by defeating the Washington Fencers Club, 10-7, on the latter's home strips. Captain Jim Glassman, the team's number one foilsmen, captured top honors by winning four bouts in epee and foil and Bill Grover, freshman addition to the team, won two foil bouts. Dave Meyer took one foil bout and one epee bout, and Sam Bessman won his sabre bout.

Sunday, the William and Mary swordsmen crossed blades with the Virginia Fencibles in the historic Gadsby's Tavern where this society first met in the seventeenth century. One of its most distinguished members was George Washington, a great fencer in his day.

Glassman, Bessman, and Grover made a clean sweep in the foil and epee by winning all their bouts. Meyer added one match in sabre, but here the team ran up against the redoubtable Col. Edwin Emerson, senior member of the Virginia Fencibles, and veteran of many campaigns in Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders. The Colonel won the sabre with a dazzling display of swordsmanship but the Indian team had piled up sufficient points in the foil and epee to win the meet.

After the fencing, the team was entertained with a banquet at the Lord Fairfax Country Club.

French Student

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baccalaureate degree at the Lycee there. Her father is a retired professor.

She likes the College very much and is pleased with co-education. She also believes that the democratic spirit is still alive in France and is hoping for a victory for her native land. The architecture of colonial Williamsburg has captivated her and she thinks the Restoration has done a fine piece of work.

STOLEN GOODS

By CONNIE STRATTON

Have you heard—students at Michigan State were even crawling in windows and climbing up basement stairs in their anxiety to attend classes the other day! The only entrance to the main floor of the building jammed and anyone wishing to attend classes had to use emergency tactics. Wonder if William and Mary students would let a little thing like that stop THEM from attending classes!

But she doesn't want to see him With a gun.

Oh, God, if we need to, we'll use them. But don't let us need to, God. You've given us life, let us live it. We're young. And there's so much to live for, God.

We don't want to die, as our fathers died For nothing— With guns.

—A VPI Student.

THEY GAVE US GUNS TODAY

Across the parade ground comes the snap

Of the colors in the breeze, And the quick motion of the rifles, A cross-section of American Youth passes in review With guns.

A girl's heart beats quicker As she sees her lover's company march by, She thinks to herself "How nice he looks in uniform." With a gun.

And in England, a woman's heart breaks

As she sees her lover's company march back. She thinks to herself "How bloody is his uniform—He's been shot!" With a gun.

A child writes: "They gave us guns today, Mom— They're so much trouble: "Cleaning them—Drilling with them."

And mom prays that's all he'll ever have to do With guns.

The same child (a man, now) writes

"We got our guns today, Honey— We sure do look good with 'em— You should see me—"

Don't forget that you are part of your organization just as much as the bass horn is part of the band—likewise, don't forget that bass horn solos are rather monotonous if that's all we hear.

—The Virginia Tech.

One thing about rushing—the back slapping doesn't stop after the boys are pledged—it just moves farther down.—Tiger Rag.

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Indian Cagers Open Strenuous Week Against Strong Clemson Tonight

Dealing It Out

By Bill Diehl

IT HAS long been the custom of sports columnists throughout this nation to adopt that great custom of American children—writing a Christmas letter to everyone's old palsie walsie, Santa Claus. We are no exception. Here's ours:

Dear Santa, Since you have always treated us with the kindest regard, we are somewhat reluctant to submit to you our list of presents desired this year. But Santa, inasmuch as they are really not for us, please give these requests your fullest consideration and try to fill the stockings of those on this list as near as you can with regard to what would be nice for them.

Now then, Uncle Billy Gooch, the genial business manager of all the sports activities here at William and Mary, has been trying as hard as he possibly could to comply with the requests of students, especially before the last Richmond-William & Mary game, so please, Uncle Nick, if you can do it, drop a season full of near sellout games like the N. C. State-William and Mary, Virginia-William and Mary and Richmond-William and Mary games right in Uncle Billy's stocking.

And you might give Coach Carl Voyles a victory over Navy next year to go along with another state championship. The boys on this year's squad swear it was only a freak pass that beat them at Annapolis the last time.

Big Rube McCray would like nothing better than a whole pitching staff of Vic Raschi for his baseball team, so see what you can do for him. And you could do nicely by Basketball Coach Dwight Stuessy if you brought him a team of non-football playing giants who could just concentrate on the hoop sport.

Bring Ed Motley a little hair grower to brighten up his ready smile and Trainer Dicky Gallagher a whole trunk full of adhesive tape to patch up the gridders.

Eric Tipton would be satisfied with another punter like Waldo Matthews he could work with and Scrap Chandler would have no kicks if you brought him just one team to coach. As matters stand now Scrap has to worry about the intra-mural program, tutor the swimmers, the cross country and indoor track teams to name some of his worries.

As for Pop Werner, use your own judgment.

Some of the athletes also could be made happy very easily. For instance just give Steve Lenzi a portable microphone so he can do his broadcasting at any time, anywhere. Jumbo Berry is very amorous and wants only one thing—someone like Dorothy Lamour.

Captain-Elect Bill Goodlow could certainly stand a conservative tie, while Captain Charles Gondak would do well with a scrap book in which he could paste all his numerous clippings.

Tom Andrews wants three more inches of height and Morgan Mackey wants immunity against the Brown Hall hedge bugs. Give Dick Davis, the dining hall chief, a restaurant all of his own and Griffin Callahan, the track leader, a practice pulpit. You see, someday it will be Rev. Griffin Callahan.

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Locals Face Powerful Foes On Trip West

Stuessymen Play Bradley Tech Mon.

By GEORGE YOUNG

William and Mary's cagers, twice triumphant, today face what will probably be the toughest six days of basketball that they will tackle all season.

Tonight in Blow Gym at 8:15 they open their conference campaign against Clemson, minus the great Banks MacFadden who paced last year's successful team to runner-up to North Carolina in the Southern Conference.

If the Indians are to continue their successes, they will have to stall Clemson's last half rally in which they specialize. This year's Clemson team is a high scoring team and in its only start was defeated by Georgia in a tight game. "Ace" Buchanan and "Rabbit" Craig, two clever ball handlers and fine shots, are the nucleus of the Clemson five.

Following the game with Clemson, William and Mary will invade the Midwest, the hotbed of basketball. On December 19, the Indians will meet Xavier University in Cincinnati; on the 20th Miami University will be played at Oxford and on the 23rd Bradley Tech will be met at Peoria, Ill.

Bradley Tech is one of the outstanding teams of the nation and is well known in the East due to its many successes in games played at Madison Square Garden.

Waldo Matthews and Morgan Mackey, who are recovering from charley horses, will be ready to go in these tilts.

The probable starting lineup for these games will be: Virgil and Tom Andrews at forwards, Glenn Knox at center and Vince Taffe and either Waldo Matthews or Morgan Mackey at guards.

Almond Stars As Heels Win

Foe Limits Indian Mermen To 2 Firsts

The rest of the William and Mary swimming team can't very well, but at least Sonny Almond, veteran speedster, is able to step up and take his bows today for his performance against the University of North Carolina swimmers at Chapel Hill last Thursday.

The Tar Heels, rated one of the strongest aquatic teams in the circuit, smashed the Indians, 53-22, in the opening meet of the year for both outfits.

Almond was the only Indian to take a first place. He paced the field in the 100-meter free style event. Almond, Roy Walker, Tom Brennan and Bill Edwards, however, copped the 400-meter relay race.

would be better to present Harold King with a tennis racket or a basketball. The Hopewell smoothie is quite handy with either, but let's make it a racket. Al Chestnut, the end, wants just one thing also—a regular time for the delivery of the FLAT HATS to him, so his staff will know when to work and he can stop all the complaints that come to him. Yes, Al is also circulation manager.

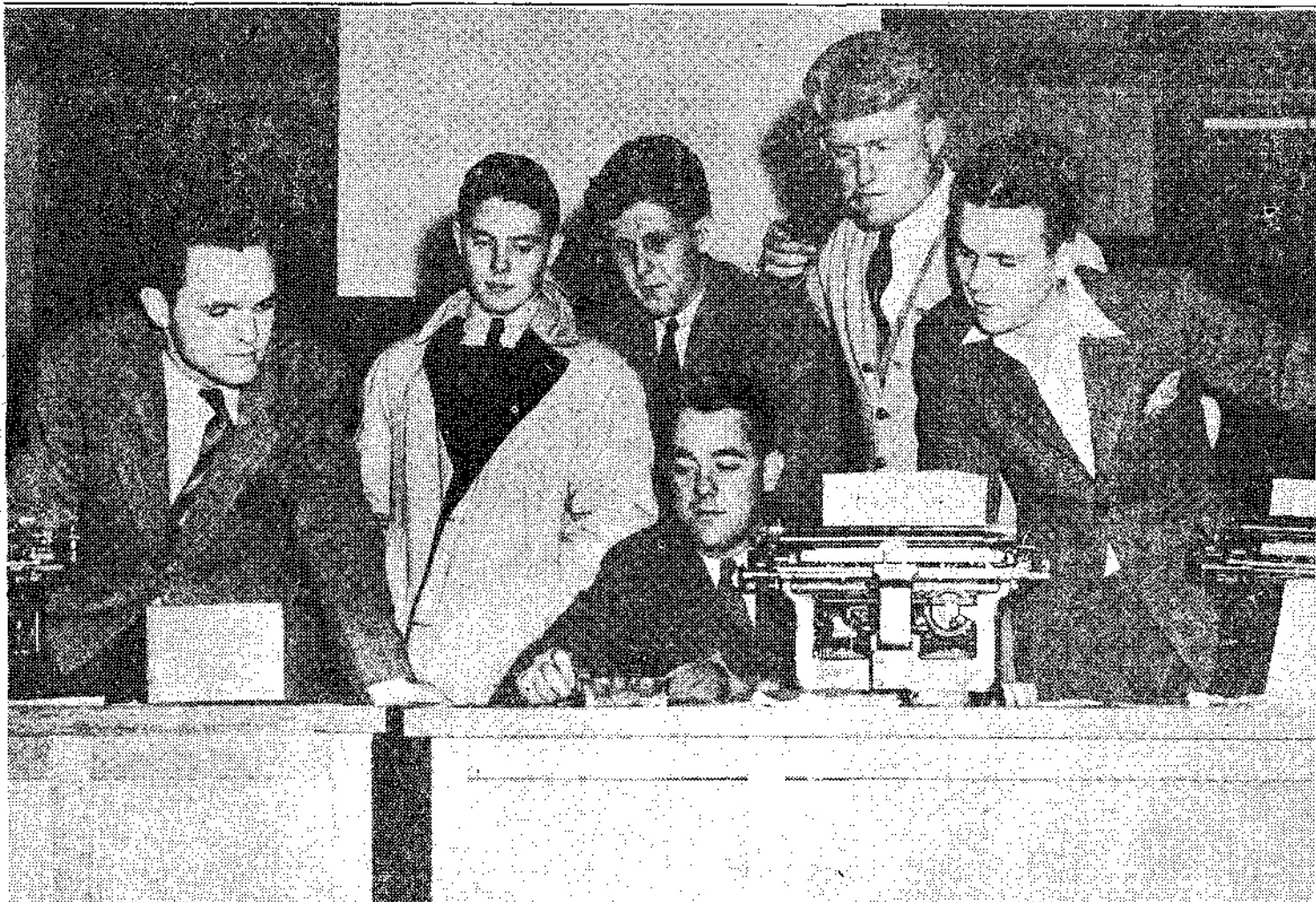
Finally, bring Miss Martha Barksdale another national hockey tourney.

Now, Santa, I realize I have overlooked many who should be on this list, but you know how it is. You just can't include everyone. Anyway, do the best you can by all.

Thanks again for past kindnesses.

As ever, Bill Diehl.

Season's Greetings From Happy New Year



Joe Brichter

John Hollis

George Young

Bill Seawell

Bill Carico



Season's Best

The Sports Staff



Christmas Cheer

Femme Cagers Working Hard

Eight Vets Ready For Season Opener

By BETSY DOUGLASS

For several weeks now, the basketball squad has been going through its paces under the supervision of Coach Martha Barksdale. With eight lettermen from last year's team reporting, and with excellent material from last year's freshman team, William and Mary ought to make a good showing against her opponents.

The girls who returned from last year's team are Carolyn Armitage, Betty Bull, Muriel Kyle, and Florence Yachnin, guards; Anne Armitage, Connie Hale, Peggy Lehair, and Peggy Allen, forwards.

There are three sections of basketball in practice. The teams will be selected from these groups. The idea in having such extensive practice is that more training will be given to everyone. From these three sections, there will be three teams selected: the Varsity team, the Reserve team, and the Freshman team. Miss Jeanne Parquette is coaching the Freshman team.

FLORENCE YACHNIN, the manager for basketball, has announced a tentative 15-game schedule, as follows:

February 8—Richmond Division vs. Reserve Team, here.

Norfolk Division vs. Freshman Team, here.

February 10—Richmond Division vs. Reserve Team, there.

February 15—Farmville vs. Varsity, here.

St. Catherine vs. Freshman, here.

February 17—Norfolk vs. Freshmen, there.

February 21—Upsala vs. Varsity, here.

February 22—Sweet Briar vs. Varsity, here.

February 24—Charleston vs. Varsity, here.

March 1—Madison vs. Varsity, here.

March 7—Swarthmore, there.

March 8—Mahattensville, there.

March 10—Hoffstra, there.

March 11—Bryn Mawr, there.

Pushball Win Over Frosh Enables Sophs To Crow

First Year Students Bow, 2-1, In Wild Display Of Mauling And General Mayhem.

By BILL CARICO

The reason the William and Mary Sophomores are lording it all over the Frosh today is no secret.

In a wild demonstration of slugging, scratching and mauling the Sophs eked out a hard-earned victory over the Freshmen pushball team last Friday afternoon. The final score was, Sophomores 2, Freshmen, 1.

The Sophomores struck in the closing minutes of the first period. A determined march from mid-field that left remnants of clothes and hide in its wake was climaxed when Bill Seawell of the sophomores, aided by 14 other fellows, galloped over from the one-yard line.

The Freshmen came roaring back in the second period to tie the game at 1-1.

IN THE THIRD stanza a drive starting deep in freshman territory ended when the upper-crust of the contest managed, after a bitter goal line siege, to push over the winning marker.

For the spectators that gathered to cheer their favorite team, the contest proved one of delight. It had all the thrills of football, all the grunts and groans of wrestling, and the stamina of basketball and track rolled into one huge ball.

Twenty-Three Frosh Seek Cage Berths

Freshman basketball practice for the 1940-41 season is under way.

The first drill was held last Thursday in the gym with 23 boys turning out for the initial drill.

Coach Eric Tipton is stressing the fundamentals of the game in the nightly work.

Those who reported for the initial drill were: Bill Hanson, Burt Halprin, Elmo Gooden, Sal Colonna, Hugh Fleming, Ferdie Rueser, Oreste Lapolla, George Young, Dick Hill, Bill Abbott, Walt Horvitz, Henry Schutz, Bill Sprinkman, John Smith, John Hollis, Raul Salamanca, Winfred Jester, Sam Friedman, Walter Weaver, Neal Shaven, Red Breen, George Allen and George Ameen.

Sports Staff Predictions

Here are a few little Christmas presents for you, boys and girls. Step up and take your choice of the sports department's Yuletide wrapped predictions for the New Year's Day bowl classics.

You know how it is. We believe in starting the new year off right. Anyway don't look twice, just take a quick glance and then flip a coin. The lineup of Rose Bowl (Stanford vs. Nebraska), Sugar Bowl (Tennessee vs. Boston College), Orange Bowl (Mississippi State vs. Georgetown), Cotton Bowl (Texas Aggies vs. Fordham) and Sun Bowl (Arizona State Teachers College vs. Western Reserve) was just too much for Bill Carico and Sam Ellenson whose predictions we are omitting. They just refused to talk, so there.

	DIEHL	YOUNG	SEAWELL	BRICHTER	HOLLIS
ROSE BOWL	Stan.	Stan.	Nebr.	Nebr.	Tenn.
SUGAR BOWL	Tenn.	Tenn.	Boston	George.	George.
ORANGE BOWL	George.	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
COTTON BOWL	Texas	Ariz.	Ariz.	Reserve	Ariz.
SUN BOWL	Ariz.				

Sig Rho Has Crown Nearly Sealed Up

Pi KA Lone Obstacle In Path

Sigma Rho all but had the Intra-mural touch football championship right in the palm of its hand today as it went into its final contest of the league against Pi Kappa Alpha.

The Rho outfit, led by big Vic Raschi, is undefeated in loop competition and needs only to whip or tie the Pi KA combine to grab the crown.

The two clubs were scheduled to meet yesterday afternoon in part of a double-header featuring also the Sigma Alpha Epsilon-Sigma Pi combat, but rain washed out the program.

BOTH SAE and Sigma Pi will be pulling and pulling hard for the Pi KA team to stage what would truly be the upset of the tourney.

SAE and Sigma are deadlocked for second place with one defeat each. The winner of that contest would slip into a first place deadlock should the Sigma Rho lads lose.

And that is certainly not beyond the realm of possibility despite its improbability, for the PiKA bunch is currently rated one of the most dangerous clubs in the league.

Both the SAE-Sigma Pi and Sigma Rho-PiKA tilts are on tap today.

Indian Whip Apprentices

Knox Again Leads Scoring Attack

The William and Mary Indians are today gathering momentum for their difficult Western cage trip after defeating the Newport News Apprentice School five last Saturday on the Shipbuilders' home court by the convincing margin of 47-33.

Again William and Mary was slow starting with the result that at the halftime it was on the short end of a 17-6 count.

The Shipbuilders gained a four-point margin as the second half got under way, but relinquished that lead as the Indians began to show signs of life.

TOM ANDREWS, Morgan Mackey, Glenn Knox, and Vince Taffe started to hit consistently on their shots and this factor enabled the Indians to pass the Shipbuilders and assume a safe lead.

Knox, with 14 points as a result of six field goals and two fouls, and Tom Andrews, with 10 points, paced the Indians' scoring.

Ward And King Want Same Christmas Gift

Both Bill Ward and Harold King hope to give themselves the same Christmas present—the intra-mural tennis championship.

Ward and King are the finalists, but haven't as yet played off their match. They expect to do so before the holidays, however.

King is favored.

General Cagers Also Hit Road This Week

William and Mary will not be the only member of the Bix Six on the road this week. Washington and Lee's Generals also take to the highways.

They face Morris Harvey at Charleston, W. Va., tomorrow; Marshall at Huntington, W. Va., Thursday; Western State Kentucky Teachers at Louisville, Ky., Friday; and Evansville College at Evansville, Ind., Saturday.

The Generals opened their campaign by whipping Lynchburg, but lost to George Washington, 34-40, last Saturday.

Aides And Faculty Play February 1

The basketball game between the President's Aides and the Faculty, scheduled to have been played two Mondays ago, has been postponed until Feb. 1.

If the new gymnasium is ready by that time, the teams will probably use the new court.

Tom Andrews, the basketball veteran, hopes to be a G-man. He is studying law.

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WE TAKE ISSUE

We take issue with the writers of this week's letters when they say they don't want to read the opinions of students on world events in the FLAT HAT. The point is we are not discussing news as such, but rather we are interpreting the news from a student viewpoint.

If you read the diversity of opinions among the "city" columnists and read all the attitudes one can have pro and con on all important issues of the day, it becomes obvious that what we students believe is important and that on every issue our attitude ought to be thoroughly expressed and opinions formulated so that we may take sides on these issues.

We are the ones who are going to do the dying if the United States goes into this war, and it is of greatest importance that we decide whether to enter the war and whether the issues are important enough to warrant our dying for them.

What "city" columnist can give any of us an absolute answer to this grave question, or should we get into the habit of letting other people do our thinking for us? The college paper should be the clearing ground for our sincere opinions, for while it may be trite, we are the leaders and citizens of tomorrow and as such must begin to think for ourselves and formulate our opinions, even if they are not expert or always substantiated by accurate facts.

As to the whole discussion on the dirt column—frankly, we are tired of it, and since a column is included this week (which we have been trying to get for some time) we think the matter is a dead one. But we would like to add that we are sorry that the writers misinterpreted last week's editorial and took it to mean that we did not want to give the students what they wanted.

The statement was made (and we print it in bold type) that no dirt column would be printed until we had a good column. The column this week is not the height of perfection, but it aims in that general direction and gives some idea of what type of column we want.

There is altogether too much stodginess in the paper—we agree with you there, but only ask how is it possible to change this when there are no writers to hand in good, light, humorous material. Or perhaps we're mistaken. Perhaps there are such writers here, but we haven't heard tell of them, and neither has the ROYALIST.

As far as the student government is concerned we were not just trying to slam that august body; we were just suggesting that they get busy and formulate a program, publicize their activities, and make themselves a constructive force on the campus. Right now the pathetic lack of interest of the students in general in their government is best exemplified in the account on the nominations in the other editorial on this page. We support and stand ready to give full publicity to any student organization, but we reserve the right—as any self-respecting editor should—to criticize and comment.

SAD SITUATION

You know things have come to a lamentable pass when even the fraternity machines bog down and the boys lose interest in their main extra-curricular preoccupation—namely, the student government.

We've always had visions of all night caucuses with all the boys sitting around wreathed in smoke and swapping votes, promising to back Delta Tish's candidate if Delta Tish would go along with Beta Xnay. We pictured shrewd, slit-eyed, poker-faced politicians swinging campus opinion and lining up the votes their way and building an unbeatable vote-getting machine.

But alas, it seems that was all only a frosh dream—but at least such a system would mean that someone was interested in student government and it would also mean that with all their politics the boys were duplicating a political atmosphere which is very much like the real thing outside, and thus made for good practical experience.

Now it seems that in the recent nominations to fill vacancies in the Student Assembly, no one was nominated for Senior Class Historian, one person was nominated for the Junior office in the Assembly, and only eight were nominated for the six freshman offices in the Assembly of which two were turned in too late. Thus the elections scheduled for this Wednesday had to be called off.

It's too bad that each week something else has to happen to substantiate what was originally said that most students here are too indifferent to everything except the most superficial things. Furthermore it offers some clue as to why the Student Government is weak, as are most activities—they receive no support or serious consideration from most of the students.

One Man's Guess

"I should like to pray now if I can stay out of a trench to do it
There is no war between us, brothers,
There is only one war anywhere."
—Kenneth Patchen in "First Will and Testament."

All the weeks of this Autumn we have put the readers of this college paper through the yoke of our particular economic and social heresies. Now it is December and time to speak of a merry Christmas and the happy new year. These are our last column words in 1940 and we do wish all happiness to all in the holidays to come. Christmas is a time of home goings for students and much there is to be happy about and much there is to pray for.

There are nearly as many ways to pray as there are religions or faiths. Our own reference to prayer has nothing very much to do with altars and lighted candles or any of the conventional ritualistic attitudes. Our faith and prayer is for everybody who has a five-foot Christmas tree in their living room corner nineteen hundred and forty years after the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the same everybody with whom we have no war; with whom there is no killing to be done.

This, our Christmas is now too much a buying and selling and counting the profits. It is the rush and push of a department store nightmare. It is the final ending of a year concerned with the fastest and most profitable means of murdering the greatest number of people in the shortest space of time. If, however, you push past the wrapping tissue, the tinsel, and the colored lights you may still find a goodwill towards men. As for peace on earth, turn to the nearest headline and read in the printer's ink how goes the daily death of Europe's young men. There is much to be thought about this Christmas; there is much more to pray for.

Democracy of course is again the word and we all at least are agreed that such of it as we have in America is worth the keeping. It is the method of preservation and state of defense of that democracy where most of this column's bitterness has found its source. Sweet and noble it may be to die for one's country but not while the money men look on and count the gold. If there is to be any dragon slaying in the arena today let some of the fat boys with purple robes come down from their seats under the awning to help with the killing.

Is this really so different a war? Are all the armament makers so suddenly aware of the brotherhood of man and international democracy? Where are the men who made the cannons in 1917? Where are the editors of Fortune who in March, 1934, wrote: "The important point is that every time a burst shell fragments finds its way into the brain, the heart, or the intestines of a man in the front line, a great part of the \$25,000 (it cost about \$25,000 to kill a soldier during the world war) much of it profit, finds its way into the pocket of the armament maker." "And," wrote these same editors six years ago, "if you do your job thoroughly enough you will be able to sink back in your armchair and re-echo the contented words of Eugene Schneider, announcing a dividend to his share holders." The defense of our country has brought us satisfactions which cannot be ignored.

We do not want to startle you but there is a chance that some of us may be giving satisfaction to a lot of share holders next spring. This is 1940 and almost Christmas. You see we are singing the same old song and the more the blood flows the louder shall we sing it until the profit is taken from this murder called war, sometimes known as democracy.

"We should like to pray now

Open Forum

M. R. S. implies this week that the students are to blame for their lack of knowledge and interest in that they do not know how to study.

To the Open Forum:

May I add several points to the three which were emphasized in your column last week as contributing to the lack of superior students on the William and Mary campus?

This is the third college I have attended and the fifth one I have known rather well, and in every one I have found this same problem. After five years of attending college (always having passed my work creditably) and six years of teaching, I can speak from a background of experience. From teaching, coaching students in college, and talking with them, I have found that most of them do not know how to study and that is the root of all their problems.

Students whom I have taught and those who have been in college classes with me have been interested in my methods and techniques of study. Some how many students have always found their way to me, and I have been able to help them to organize their subject matter so they say it is easier for them to learn it. There are certain ways to take notes, to organize, outline and chart the notes, ways to remember essential facts, etc. that are definitely helpful. (Personally I outline or chart out each lecture on wrapping paper).

There is much value in studying each lecture or each assignment as it is made and assimilating a small amount of material each day so that studying for an examination is merely a reviewing of materials already known. At times a student has to forego some pleasures in order to keep up with school work. After one has sacrificed his own pleasures often enough there is a certain satisfaction in being able to do one's duty that compensates for any sacrifice that may have been made.

I am not yet certain just how students can be taught to study for over a period of fifteen years I have devised my own methods but if all those who need such help could go to an instructor especially skilled in helping with organizing subject matter and helping them to learn to study, I am sure it would be helpful. This instructor might devote most of his time to freshmen since it is most important to get a good start at the outset of college, but there are upper classmen who need this help too.

I believe students need to be taught how to budget time so that they will have enough left for study. There are many values to be gotten from college life besides those from study; some extra curricular and social activities are essential to develop a person fully. But a recent study made in Wisconsin showed that college students waste 43 per cent of their time in bull sessions, unorganized activities and the like, while only 3 per cent of their time is put on organized and worthwhile extra curricular activities.

Again from my own experience—I took part in five extra curricular organizations, held offices in most of them, attended concerts, and parties, sang in a church choir, and taught a Sunday School class in my undergraduate days and still had time to do all my college studies in a creditable manner. I know students who study in very much the way that I do and who have taken part in as many activities as I have, and they, too, have been successful in their college work.

My observations have been that most students who get to college have the ability to do the work if they could be taught to study in the proper way and to use their time and abilities to the best advantage.

M. R. S.

By D. M. OGDEN
We are fast approaching the
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if we can stay out of a trench to do it."

R. S. M.

Inquiring Reporter

By WILLARD BERGWALL

As the days set aside for the celebration and commemoration of the birth of Christ draw near, we ponder the problems of spiritual devotion, philosophical and practical problems which face religions of today. The practical problem brings us right down to the William and Mary campus and fosters the question—"Why do you or don't you go to chapel?"

Guess I just never formed the habit; so I usually don't remember to go.—Margaret Lucas, '42.

I like to hear the music. Even though I can't carry a tune, I think that the choir is good.—Jim Fleming, '43.

I would love to go, but usually we are still at the dinner table.—Tex Schick, '43.

Nancy Ryan, '42.
I do; I think chapel is a necessary part of the school that everyone should know.—Marie Hill, '44.

I don't go to chapel because by the time I get through working at the Dining Hall it is too late. However, I try to make up for it by going to church every Sunday.—Bob Ellert, '44.

I don't go to chapel because it is a very boring service—and always a belief in God and in religion is taken for granted. The doctrines and ideas which challenge religion are very rarely discussed and then not effectively. I'd rather read a good book.—Bob ngersoll, '44.

I don't go because I have a history quiz next and even that half hour is precious to me.—Jerry Hess, '44.

I don't go because at the last school I attended it was compulsory.—John Eichrodt, '42.

I have only been one time; however it was very nice and I would attend again if I had no studying to do.—Janet Brooks, '44.

Dining Hall job does not permit our attending—as much as we'd like to go.—

Al Helslander, '43

Billy Weeks, '43.

Steve Lenzi, '41.

I go to chapel because I enjoy going. It is relaxation that seems to act as a pick-up in the middle of the week. I think we should have it more than once a week.—Shirley Hoffman, '43.

I go to chapel because I enjoy going. There is an atmosphere there that can't be found anywhere else in school. It is a diversity from the "regular grind."—Frances Tice, '44.

I go to chapel because I like to find a feeling of quiet and peace from studying, and I like the music and short talks.—Mary Scott, '44.

I attend chapel occasionally and when I do I especially enjoy the music.—Crystal Crockett, '43.

I go to chapel because it has an entirely different atmosphere than that we witness everyday in classes and in studying. It is a change and thus a rest.—Joanne Tiffany, '43.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wed., Dec. 11, 1940

To the Editor:

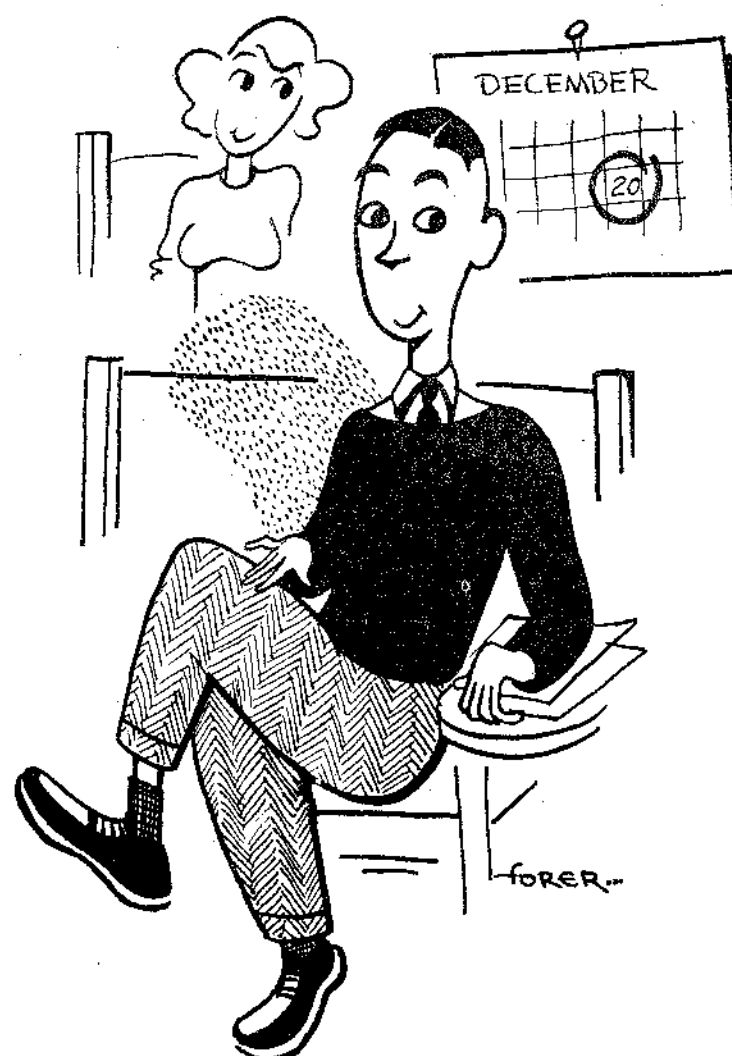
This letter is actually against my principles as I don't believe in voicing an opinion too loud in a government such as we have here. However, I feel that you are to be commended for your excellent editorial in this week's FLAT HAT.

If I interpret your feelings correctly, you have the wish that the students read not only the sports page and the dirt column when/if that column appears in the paper, but that they also read the paper thoroughly. Now you can not expect that everyone read the paper thoroughly if the articles in that paper do not merit reading. However, I do feel that many of the articles are excellently written, although some of them, confidentially—well, you know what I mean. Of course, this isn't your fault; but other things besides college news concerning this college alone can be printed. For instance Connie Stratton's article this week, was good, even though it might not live up to the intellectual plane of our Phi Betes.

I feel, as the Student Assembly did, that the so-called dirt column could be put back in a revised form, that form to be decided by

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS



Overheard By His Lordship

ORCHIDS:

"Night Must Fall," starring Bob Marshall and Katherine Lee, really took the campus by storm Thursday and Friday nights. The casting was superb, and Miss Hunt deserves an "oscar" for her direction.

DECEMBER HI-LITES—At Phi Beta initiation Dr. Marjorie Hope Nicholson's speech wherein Jerry Rose (FLAT HAT photographer) was "squealed."

SAE winter formal—Campus celebrities among the crowd were Ruth Rapp with John Entwistle, and the Robbins twins with "Tex" Schick and Trudi Green. . . . Also some of the perpetual campus twosomes—Jane Schilling and George Allen, Louise Spalding and Johnny Hollis, Marilyn Miller and C. T., Dot DeVaughan and Jim Longlin. . . . Also Beverly Coleman with Louis Jones, Dot Landon with Chip, and Pat Meekes with Arky Vaughan.

Pat Hall's exhibition of her swimming prowess at the dorm intra-murals carried off the laurels for Brown on the 11th.

Freshman-Sophomore Pushball Contest—most interesting contender in this victory for the Sophs was Bill Howard plus his gloves.

FRIDAY THE 13TH!—K.A. Dance—Seems as if the boys couldn't get together on it. So they ran three parties at once—in three different rooms! A barn dance, a Friday the 13th party, and a Christmas party. . . . Who was there? Jeanne Mencke, Little Stig and Lil Bourne plus many more.

Sigma Pi Scavenger Hunt—Norma Smith, Jane Rohn, and too many to list.

Kappa Sig Dance—(And those spoon favors were something!) Prickett Cater with Cliff Kreps, Muriel Koch with Norman Allen, Viola Gomph with Frank Beal, and Nancy Wescott with Wescott Austin.

The Saturday afternoon tea dance at the Inn surely proved that William and Mary does not lack ladies and gentlemen. Sunday night's concert, well attended, "hit" the audience and came to a climax with "Southern Wedding," played by the symphonic band. . . . Take bows, Messrs. Sly and Douse.

AND A SIDE LITE—

"Pappy Fields must have the key to everything. . . it seems that he was the sole possessor of a key to the gym several weeks ago.

A sprig of mistletoe to Bob Knight and Bill Chafin for capturing the girls of their dreams—Jean Wiegand and Peggy Stigall—and insuring them with their pens. . . . And belated congrats to Pat Howard and Page Siegfried.

NEW COUPLES—(blossoming forth in a springy or rainy atmosphere)—Libby Costenbader and Bill Parry. . . Janet Schilling and Bill Goodlow. . . Mickey Riddick and Nat Coleman; and The Most in Love of the Week—Jimmy Leftwich and Charlotte McElroy. Is B. Buntin glad that J. Hickey is up and around again? You bet!

AND NEW TRIANGLES—Gondak - Lucas - Prinzivalli, Vining - Milne - Gage.

STARTLING FACTS—

Dr. Clark gave four A's at mid-semester! He's not given a flock like that to freshmen for many a day.

It was only by accident that a milk can tumbled into the midst of Theta Delta serenaders.

One freshman boy ("Tex" Phillips) actually sleeps through at least three of his classes.

Only 7 more days 'til Christmas!

NOTE: If you really want to get into the Christmas spirit, drop in at Chandler Hall—Rosemary Evans, though she might have been a rebel about wearing her duc cap, has really shown some spirit for W. & M. The reindeer, snowmen, and Santa Clauses decorating Chandler doors and windows are her handiwork.

SCENES ON CAMPUS—

The lights on the Wren Building—though not so beautiful in white as they were in blue. . . the many boys carrying brown paper bags. . . The fraternities and sororities spreading Christmas cheer by their tuneless carolling. . . Red torches of the Theta Delt. . . Students in the library cramming for those day before vacation exams that some professors give. . . Girls saying they haven't been kissed in three months, only four more days. . . The street lights looking like Christmas card decorations. . . Girls with tinsel in their hair and the men who have to buy the presents saying Christmas is a racket. . . Rexall's gaudily decorated in red and green—but you don't mind somehow. . .

So MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

Yours truly,
HIS LORDSHIP.

Club Notes

Sigma Pi Sigma:
Dr. John M. Stetson, head of the Mathematics department, gave a talk on the physics involved in the ordinary camera at a meeting of Sigma Pi Sigma last Tuesday. Following his talk, Dr. Stetson presented a movie of mountain scenes and wild flowers.

The physics honorary society expects to enlarge its activities soon, since many of the unusually large number of physics students this year are very promising.

Accounting Club:
Dr. Frederick K. Beutel of the Department of Jurisprudence spoke on "Public Utility Rate Making" at a meeting of the Accounting Club last Wednesday night.

Dramatic Club:
"The Long Christmas Dinner," a one-act play by Thornton Wilder, will be presented at the Dramatic Club's Christmas party tomorrow. In addition, there will be the traditional reading of Dickens' "Christmas Carol." Members of the casts of the last two plays are being invited.

Library Science Club:
The Library Science Club had a Christmas party last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stone.

Spanish Club:
At the Christmas party of the Spanish Club last Thursday, the program consisted of a reading of "The Christmas Story," singing of carols in Spanish, piano selections played by Mr. C. R. Morales, and a talk on Christmas in Spain by one member of the club. Refreshments were served.

French Club:
A meeting of the French Club was held last Tuesday. The members sang French carols.

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Left over from "Rush Week" this FLAT HAT photograph expresses the student spirit of holiday farewells which will soon be ringing round the campus. It is also to remind you that the Christmas Dance Thursday evening in Blow Gymnasium will have both music and song to make that last goodbye a happy one.

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to light Christmas candles in the houses. The church bells will ring for five minutes at the close of the singing, so that those who did not attend will know that it is time to light their candles, and it is expected that the city will be illuminated for the holidays within half an hour after the close of the celebration.

White singers will converge on the west side of the Green, and negro on the east, and only the jolliest of the old English carols will be sung. The singers will be in vestments if the weather is not too cold, and added to the church choirs will be the voices of children from the Williamsburg schools. The "singing candles" service was adopted as particularly fitting to the setting of Williamsburg, and participating in it will be the townspeople, school children, the churches, the faculty of the College, and guests at the Inn and Lodge, while visitors from neighboring communities will be welcomed.

QUOTABLE QUOTES
(By Associated Collegiate Press)
"Whenever you find a group fighting to increase its share of the national consumption in ways that lessen the national production as a whole, you have an example of local 'power politics.' Unfortunately, American trade-unions, by and large, has not yet wholly emerged from this fight-for-one's-rights-at-the-expense-of-others stage. There are, of course, some notable exceptions in the way of unions that have given effective co-operation in increasing the productivity of their numbers and the total production of their industries. But all too many, not only of the rank and file but of the leaders as well, still believe, or profess to believe, that the less a man can do today and still draw his pay, the more there will be left for him and his fellow workmen to do tomorrow." Dr. Harvey N. Davis, president of Stevens Institute of Technology, declares that power politics represents a reversion to the philosophy of highway robbery.

"The spirit of America is so remote from the spirit of Europe that we are barely awake to some of the menace which threatens. Most of that menace bids fair to drop to pieces in time from lack of balance and overweight." Dr. Herbert L. Priestly, professor of Mexican history at the University of California, feels that totalitarian dreams are doomed.

Four girls from China and one from Puerto Rico are among 500 students attending the College of St. Teresa at Winona, Minn.

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's mother in law, Mrs. Dwight Morrow, is acting president of Smith College.

The main building of Copenhagen university, one of Europe's oldest cultural centers, has been closed for lack of coal.

Yale university has awarded one year fellowships for street traffic research to 19 men outstanding for work in traffic safety.

The University of Minnesota print shop has a staff of 33 linotypists, pressmen, cutters and binders.

Fraternity News

By EUGENE M. HANOFEE
Alpha Theta Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau announces with pleasure the initiation of Anthony Belmont Manzi of Westport, Conn. On Tuesday, December 17th, the pledges will give the actives a stag party at eight o'clock.

The Kappa Alphas gave a faction dance on Friday, December 13th, from 8:30 P. M. to 12 P. M. Everything was worn from tails to overalls, while house decorations consisted of black cats (which were really grey because the dye didn't take), ladders, open umbrellas, salt shakers, and flickering candles. Dr. and Mrs. George J. Ryan were the chaperones.

A formal dance was given by

Cogar, Students
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fireworks in the South at Christmas was explained in this manner: "The use of fireworks to celebrate Christmas goes back to Colonial days, and we know that the great guns at the Palace and the Capitol were fired on this occasion, and on such notable holidays such as the King's birthday, the Queen's birthday, and other state functions. Fifthian also mentions the Negroes' shooting guns off around the house on Christmas morning."

These are only a few of the interesting and amusing details which Mr. Cogar told to the discussion group. The discussion was followed by the Christmas carols: "O, Come All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night," "First Noel," and "The Boar's Head," sung by this quartet: John Princivalli, Philip Thomas, Hugh Harnsburger and Bernie Keppler.

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wailan Room of the Park Central Hotel. The date is December 27, and the dance will begin at nine with supper served at eleven. Music will be supplied by the Ambassadors in addition to a planned entertainment. The price is \$4.75 per couple, \$2.75 stag. This dance is an annual affair entirely arranged by the executive committee of the New York Alumni Chapter, a chapter which has over a thousand membership. Olive Nestor is assisting the executive committee in contacting students who will be in New York at that time.

The Philadelphia Alumni Chapter is to entertain with dancing at The Warwick, 17th and Locust Street, Philadelphia, on Friday, December 27, 1940.

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Open Forum

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time when, with the prodding of the Dies Committee, the F.B.I. and the like, Congress is probably going to feel a necessity for passing a few bills concerning sedition, treason and espionage.

Under the name of general welfare these bills will probably be passed with general grunts of satisfaction on the part of the populace.

However, before these grunts are emitted, it might be well for said populace to take a look around, and see what outrages have before been perpetrated in the guise of general welfare.

In 1917 and 18 we had espionage and sedition acts, under which some of the worst crimes against individual rights were committed. People like Jacob Abrams were given 20 years for printing

now self-evident. There is no doubt that the danger from saboteurs and spies is imminent, is indeed, here. But isn't our well-trained police protection more than able to care for those emergencies. Our sure Espionage and counter-Espionage Agencies are functioning in order to protect us from foreign agents and the like, who should be cared for in the proper manner. I. E. the proper manner being deportation or internment for proved foreign agents and spies.

But should we apply "protection" against ideas and words with which we are in disagreement? Shouldn't we listen—and carefully to what those who criticize and denounce us, have to say?

In the first place, it is to our advantage to improve our way of life, to constantly be searching for that improvement—and perhaps those who attack us can point out loop holes which we might not otherwise see.

Secondly, those people who will be most likely to talk against us would probably be more dangerous if they were pushed underground and had the feeling that someone is really doing something against them.

If we allow discussions, by all people except when actually advocating violence—but discussions in which the group as a whole is allowed to think and reflect on subjects; where there is an opportunity for us to form our judgments on a rational basis; where grievances of all people can be aired—then we can be more sure that in this time of national crisis, when we may at any time, be going to war, that we will be preserving the national characteristics of civil liberties.

a few pamphlets which were distributed to workers. Several cases of similar nature are on the records and they should go against the grain of any liberal American to whom civil liberties are more than just mere words. Too many shameful acts have occurred in the name of patriotism.

There is no doubt that a certain amount of protection should be strategically applied in times of national crisis—and few of us will dispute that a national crisis is

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you, of course. It can be done without lowering the standards of our paper to the level of a high-school scrap-scandal sheet. To please everyone, let's give the thing another try. What the devil, if it's not good, you'll hear again from the student body, but at least, you'll be able to say that you did your part toward pleasing the "unpleasable public." You can please some of the people all of the time, etc., but you can't please William and Mary students any of the time, and still hold your head up as a good newspaper editor.

Again, congrats on a fine editorial. We all need to be told just where to get off.

Very sincerely,
Bob Weinberg, '44.

December 12, 1940.

To the Editor:

After reading Mr. Muecke's editorial, we feel that the editor himself is misinformed rather than the Student Assembly whom he accused of being misinformed. The Student Assembly gave its opinion on the re-establishment or abolition of the column entitled "Overheard by His Lordship." The FLAT HAT earnestly tried to get the students interested in the problem and the Student Assembly, as a representative body, discussed this one policy of the paper. We think it unfair of the editor to criticize the body for its attempt to co-operate.

The FLAT HAT is a college paper and as such should concern itself with campus affairs. The interests of the students are not superficial, but they can keep themselves informed of international affairs via the newspapers, the radio and the newsreels. There is no reason why serious world problems should monopolize the FLAT HAT—the professional writers for the daily papers are quite capable of analyzing them. We would like the FLAT HAT to give us the student's general opinion on current events, but we would also like to read about campus activities and personalities. The more we know of college affairs, the closer we feel to the college. Above all, let's not have the FLAT HAT develop into a propaganda sheet for the expression of the views of a select few!

We have to admit that we resent Mr. Muecke's attitude on the new Student Assembly. It should have the support of the whole student body and especially the support of the editor of the FLAT HAT.

Mae Ervin, '42.
Eloise Whettington, '41.

Dec. 12, 1940.

To the Editor:

I was very much interested in your editorial, "Tempest in a Teapot," of the last issue of the FLAT HAT. You got all hot and bothered because people don't read anything in the paper except the dirt column. You even went so far as to condemn them for it. May I say, brother Muecke, that if that is what people want to read, it is none of your business. Your job is to give them what they do want. You aren't capable of improving our literary standards. All we expect from you is that you maintain a reasonably balanced paper—which certainly includes a social or dirt column.

As for your bitter complaint that the students become aroused over some trivial matter while Europe burns, you, as an editor, should know that people are much more concerned over matters that affect them than they are over matters three thousand miles away. Besides, if we want news from Europe, we can get it from a big city paper—and we don't particularly care to read what some young FLAT HAT columnist has to say about it a week later. We want news of local and campus interest. Your new policy of printing pictures of campus life

W. & M. Theatre

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should be appreciated.

Newcomer Katherine Lee shows a great deal of promise. She is a freshman who played her first College part and handled the difficult role with a great deal of ability.

We do hope that Betty Smith's acting ability will now be fully recognized by the campus and that last year's Varsity Show will be forgotten. She has a great deal of talent, but it should not be confined solely to comedy and her sense of timing is extremely good. Her work provided a light touch which the audience appreciated in a play otherwise crowded with tension.

Terry Teal was another newcomer who made a great deal out of a small part. Dora was an interesting character and was instrumental in introducing Dan to Mrs. Bramson's household.

Art Cosgrove's talent seemed somewhat wasted on Inspector Belsize, a thankless part, but one which was nevertheless of great necessity to the plot of the play.

The role of Hubert Grayne was taken by Ken McGinn who looked the part and played it adequately.

The other newcomer was Connie Stratton who took the part of the district nurse ably.

The players carried the show very well—it held together and the cooperation which each gave the other could be felt by the audience as a whole.

Miss Hunt has a happy faculty of being able to take people with little or no experience, put them with people who have some experience, all with varying degrees of ability and come out with a perfect mixture. That is an art and we are surely fortunate in having so able a director here at this school.

We hope that Mr. Ross will design a few more sets like Night Must Fall. It set the mood and background which is so necessary to a play of the murder-mystery type. An unusual front curtain was used which portrayed the exterior of Mrs. Bramson's house in the woods. It gave us the fourth wall of the house, a feature which is usually left to the imagination of the audience.

Costumes by Miss Gorman and make-up by Tony Manzi, all helped to create the mood, period, and tempo of the play.

Fresh talent, good acting, and directing, a grand set—all made Night Must Fall a memorable performance.

is very praiseworthy, and we congratulate you on it.

Your slam at the new Student Assembly was, however, rather unfair. As a member of that group I must say that we have tried to interpret student opinion and to tell you about it—since you can't seem to do it for yourself. Concerning the other activities of the Assembly—what did you expect, a revolution?

Sincerely yours,
Jim Creekman, '42.

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Jersey, and New York.

Dr. and Mrs. Victor Iturralde are motoring to Florida, where they will visit Jacksonville, the Spanish Colony in St. Augustine, and possibly go as far south as Miami and Key West.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Harrison are returning to Alabama for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis will spend the holidays in Fredericksburg and Washington.

Dean and Mrs. Lambert will go to Richmond and Leesburg.

Mr. E. C. Rust is going to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hocutt are intending to spend the holidays in Washington, D. C.

Quite a number of the faculty, still in search of knowledge, are planning to attend meetings of the various intellectual societies.

Dr. Fowler is going to New York to attend a meeting of the American Historical Association.

Mr. Umbeck will return to his home in Chicago, and while there will be present at the meeting of the American Sociological Association.

Dr. Jess H. Jackson will be part of the Modern Language Association of America, meeting this year at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. Curtis Newcombe is going to present two papers on Marine Biology before the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Philadelphia.

Dr. Albert Delisle will also deliver a paper before the A.A.A.S. His topic will be Botany.

Dr. Laing is going to attend the American Philological Science association in Chicago.

Dr. F. K. Beutel and Mr. John Latane Lewis are going to Chicago for meetings of the Association of American Law Schools.

Dean Landrum will be present at meetings of the Modern Language Association in Boston.

Dr. W. R. Richardson, National Treasurer of the College English Association, will be present at its meetings in Boston.

Dr. Haserot is going to Philadelphia for meetings in Philadelphia.

Dr. Henneman is going to the psychological section of the A.A.A.S. in Philadelphia, after which he will spend the remaining part of the holidays in New York.

Performers Show

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and Charles Edward Young—did nobly.

The choir never fails to provoke a stir of expectancy. The two Bach chorales were effective in their simplicity, but Angel Voices Ever Singing was perhaps the most appealing of the selections.

A cheerful contrast to the vocal music was offered by the band—a group which seems to improve with every performance! Their symphonic arrangements of Entrance and March of the Peers, God Bless America, and Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair were particularly good. It's very seldom that a band plays with such perfect rhythm and pitch—theirs was indisputable. The band's final number was so unique and so well done that the audience pleaded for an encore! It was Southern Wedding, with all details complete right down to the clanging of bells, the preacher, the blushing bride and the bashful bridegroom.

With the band continuing on, the audience formed a fitting finale by joining in with a few of the more common Christmas carols. It seemed like a sort of formal opening of the holiday season!

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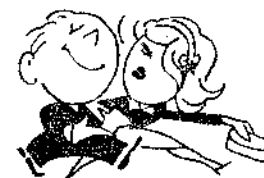
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